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PATENT APPLICATION

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2174**

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Group Art Unit: 2174 Technology Center 2100

Application No.: 09/810,534

Examiner:

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Docket No.: 108973

For:

OPERATING METHOD AND DEVICE, AND IMAGING PROCESSING

APPARATUS USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 DO NOT ENTER NA 11/4/04

Sir:

In reply to the July 8, 2004 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims;

Remarks.